

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:35-36-2
(date entered 5-4-80)

1. Name: Callahan House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 35/36/2 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21
Somerset H.D. D-14

4. Address: 4701 Cumberland Avenue, Chevy Chase

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>private residence</u>		

6. Date: c. 1901

7. Original Owner: Joshua B. Callahan

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by four bay, two-and-a-half story rectangular house sits on a low rise facing south. The first level is clapboarded; the second level is shingled and is separated by a belt course. The house is painted pink and has maroon trim. The south porch is enclosed and has a half hipped roof supported by four voluted columns. A projecting gable roof supported by two square wooden posts extends out over the five poured concrete steps which lead up to the porch. There are one-over-one double-hung windows and some multi-diamond paned sashes above a single light sash. There is a two story bay window on the south elevation. There is a single hipped dormer window on the east and west elevations. The house has a gable roof covered by asbestos shingles.

10. Significance: This house is representative of the dwellings built in the suburbs at the turn of the twentieth century.

The community of Somerset Heights was begun by five employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1890. They subdivided a tract of 50 acres, named streets for English counties, and agreed to construct five residences immediately. In 1897 Joshua B. Callahan bought 72,625 sq. ft. on Block 1 for \$100, and constructed a house on the northeast corner of lot 20. He sold the property to Dr. Charles A. Crampton, one of the five founders of Somerset Heights, and its first mayor. Crampton did not live in this house as he had his own comfortable dwelling at 4805 Dorset Avenue. Crampton sold the house immediately upon purchasing it, but it returned to the Crampton family in 1912 and remained there until 1923 when Lillie Crampton sold the property to Carl Markam. Markam lived there ten years. Then it was purchased by William and Harriet Garnett, who lived there until 1944. It passed through four more owners before being purchased by the present owners in 1976.

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

11. Researcher and date researched: Eileen McGuckain-9/79

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval15. Acreage: c. $\frac{1}{4}$ acre

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 35/36/2
Somerset HD
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Callahan House

AND/OR COMMON

Weintraub House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4701 Cumberland Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

☒ VICINITY OF Somerset

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard & Alison Weintraub

Telephone #: 654-3342

STREET & NUMBER

4701 Cumberland Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

☒ VICINITY OF Somerset

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20015

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4831

Folio #: 242

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by four bay, two and a half story rectangular house sits on a low rise facing south.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the first level has pink clapboarded walls. A belt course separates the first level from the pink shingled upper levels. The south porch is enclosed and has a half hipped roof supported by four voluted columns. A projecting gable roof supported by two square wooden posts extends out over the five poured concrete steps which lead up to the porch. The south door is vertical paneled oak with a nine light inset window. The north door is a glass and wooden paneled door set into a two story enclosed porch.

Generally, there are one-over-one double-hung windows. There are some multi-diamond paned sashes above single light sashes. There is a two story bay window on the south elevation. In the south gable end there is a three part window: the center window is wider than the two flanking windows and all have multi-diamond paned sashes above a single light sash. At the peak of the north and south gable ends there are small round-headed windows. There is a single hipped dormer window on the east and west elevation.

The house has a gable roof covered by asbestos shingles with wide boxed eaves. There is an interior chimney on the east elevation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of the dwellings built in the suburbs at the turn of the 20th century.

The community of Somerset Heights was begun by five employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1890. In that year Harvey Wiley, Charles Crampton, Daniel Salmon, Miles Fuller and Horace Horton organized the Somerset Heights Colony Company and purchased 50 acres of "Friendship" just over the District line in Montgomery County.¹ They subdivided the tract,² named streets for English counties, and agreed to construct five residences immediately. Lot sales at first were brisk, but by the end of the decade interest in the project had waned.

Block 1, on which this property lies, is a long narrow strip with 20 lots fronting onto Cumberland Avenue. In 1897 Joshua B. Callahan bought 72,625 square feet on this block for \$100, agreeing not to "erect any house which shall cost less than \$1000, and not to erect on the rear of said property any structure to cost less than \$100...and it shall not be used for manufacturing or mechanical purposes nor shall spirituous liquors be sold thereon."³ By the time Callahan resold the northeast corner of lot 20 in Block 1 nine years later to Charles A. Crampton,⁴ he had constructed a house on the property.

Crampton did not live in this house, as he had his own comfortable home at 4805 Dorset Avenue, the first to be occupied in the new development. Dr. Crampton was assistant chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, owner of the first automobile in Somerset, father of the first child to be born there, and the town's first elected mayor in 1906.

Crampton sold the house immediately upon purchasing it,⁵ but it returned to the Crampton family in 1912⁶ and remained there until 1923. In that year Lillie Crampton sold the property to Carl Markam,⁷ who lived there until 1933 when it was purchased by William and Harriet Garnett.⁸ The Garnetts owned it for many years. It passed through several more owners before being purchased by the present owners in 1976.

FOOTNOTES

1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 19/489 (June 12, 1890).

2 Ibid., Plat 1/30

3 Ibid., JA 58/192 (April 24, 1897).

4 Ibid., 192/20 (May 2, 1906).

Ibid., 192/21 (May 2, 1906).

6 Ibid., 230/417 (Nov. 22, 1912).

7 Ibid., 342/473 (Dec. 15, 1923).

8 Ibid., 560/193 (Sept. 23, 1933).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.

"Town of Somerset, Maryland, 1906-1956. History and Government."
O'Brien & Jaszi, H., "The Town of Somerset", Montgomery County Story,
Vol. 20, No. 2 (May 1977) Montgomery County Historical Society.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY c. 1/4 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Part of lot 20, Block 1, "Somerset Heights"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Eileen McGuckian

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

CITY OR TOWN

DickersonCandy Reed - Arch. Desc.

DATE

Sept. 1979

TELEPHONE

926-4510

STATE

Maryland 20753

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Account Identifier: District - 07 Account Number - 00537030

Owner Information

Owner Name: MESIROW, JOHN B & J A Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 4701 CUMBERLAND AVE Deed Reference: 1) /18095/ 97
CHEVY CHASE MD 20815-5457 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address Zoning Legal Description
4701 CUMBERLAND AVE R60 ADJ PARCEL SOMESET H
CHEVY CHASE 20815-5457 EIGHTS

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
HN31				44		1	P20	80	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town	SOMERSET					
			Ad Valorem						
			Tax Class	09					
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area		Property Land Area			County Use	
1922			1,908 SF		11,665.00 SF			111	
Stories		Basement		Type				Exterior	
2		YES		STANDARD UNIT				FRAME	

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2001	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2002	07/01/2003
Land:	167,660	290,660		
Improvements:	337,620	559,340		
Total:	505,280	850,000	735,092	850,000
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: WEINTRAUB, RICHARD M & A L Date: 05/19/2000 Price: \$850,000
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: /18095/ 97 Deed2:
Seller: Date: 09/02/1976 Price: \$81,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 4831/ 242 Deed2:
Seller: Date: Price:
Type: Deed1: Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

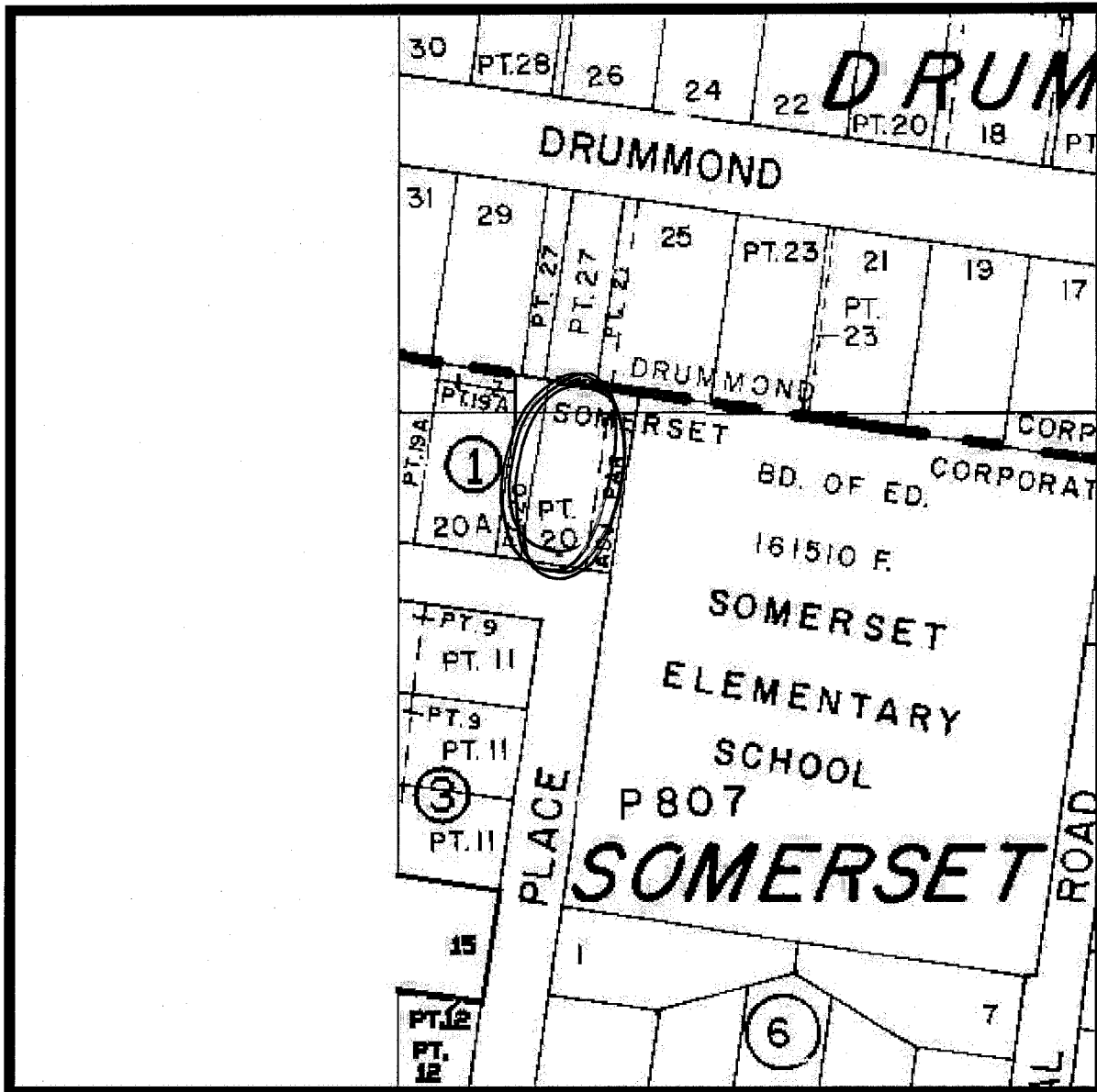
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